

Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated 23 August 2007, Applicant offers this amendment and remarks. Reconsideration and reevaluation of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

5 The Examiner rejected claims 1 through 3, 5, 6, and 8 through 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Carr (U. S. 3,371,729). Additionally, the Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carr in view of Wood (U. S. 6,474,423).

10 The Examiner, at page 3 of the Office Action, noted that claims 4 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 and canceled claim 11, wherein the elements of claim 11 are now included in claim 1. Also, Applicant has added new claim 14, wherein claim 14 consist of the elements of former claim 1 as well as former new claim 4.

15 Lastly, Applicant notes that the Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Ostensibly, a part of the original claim 12 was left out when the amendment was filed on 5 July 2007. In order to obviate this typographical error, claim 12 has been canceled, and new claim 13 has been added, wherein claim 13 is identical to original claim 12. No new mater has been added. Therefore, the remaining claims, namely claims 1 through 3, 5 through 10, and 13 and
20 14, should be a position for allowance.

If the Examiner and/or Patent Office has any outstanding issues regarding this application, the Examiner and/or Patent Office is kindly requested to contact the undersigned. Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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